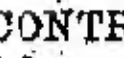


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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS


ARMY CONTRACTS, 1886-87.

TENDERS, in Duplicate, to be made by the undersigned, at the Undersigned Office, until 1 o'clock Noon, on SATURDAY, the 20th day of March, 1886, for the Undersigned SUPPLIES and SERVICES required by the COMMISSARIAT and TRANSPORT DEPARTMENTS at HONGKONG and OUTPOSTS during the year from the 1st April, 1886, to 31st March, 1887.

S U P P L I E S.

- 1.—For Her Majesty's Troops.—PROVISIONS, FUEL LIGHT, &c.
- 2.—For Hospitals.—PROVISIONS, FREIGHT, WINES, PORTER, ALE, SPIRITS, &c.

S E R V I C E S.

- 3.—SCAVENGING, SWEEPING CHIMNEYS, and SUPPLYING DAY WATER TO LATRINES.
- 4.—LIGHTING and SUPPLYING OIL for ENGINE and LAMP.
- 5.—REPAIRING COMMISSARIAT BOATS.
- 6.—PURCHASE OF EMPTY PORTER CASKS.

HOSPITAL SUPPLIES.

Forms of Tender, Conditions of Contract and any further particulars, may be obtained on application at this Office, by letter addressed to the SENIOR COMMISSARIAT OFFICER, or Person, between the hours of 10 and 4 o'clock and no Tender will be entertained unless made upon the Form so obtained.

The Tenders must be properly filled up, signed and dated, and no Tender will be noticed unless delivered at the Undermentioned Office, by 4 o'clock, Noon, on the above named date and in a Closed Envelope marked "TENDER FOR ARMY CONTRACTS" on the outside.

Commissariat & Transport Office

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION will be held at the City Hall at 3 p.m., on WEDNESDAY, 17th March, 1888 for the purpose of confirming the Resolution authorising the Directors to apply for a Renewal of FONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK ORDINANCE of 1866, which was duly proposed a

CORPORATION held on SATURDAY the 27
February, 1886.
By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1886. [4]
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE,
LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1885.

CONTRIBUTORS to the above Office are requested to Furnish the Underwriting with a LIST OF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS for the year ending 31st December, 1885, in order that the DISTRIBUTION OF BONUS may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st day of March instant, will be adjusted by the Office.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents,
Canton Insurance Office, Limited,
Hongkong, 2nd Lamb, 1886.

HOSPEDAJE ESPAÑOL
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BOARDING AND LODGING of a Person in }
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FOR YOKOHAMA AND HIOGO.

"CHELYDRA,"
Captain H. Peace, will be despatched for
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THREE P.M.
For Freight or Passage apply to

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THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.

THE Company's Steamship

"ESMERALDA,"

Captain Taylor, will be despatched for
above Port TO-MORROW, the 3rd inst
at FIVE P.M.

RUSSELL & Co.,
General Managers
Hankong, 2nd March, 1886.

FOR HAIPHONG (DIRECT).
THE Steamship.

THE "CRUSADER,"
Capt. T. Rowin, will be despatched for the above
Port on THURSDAY, the 4th instant.
DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
A. R. MARTY

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FOR SHANGHAI via AMOY.
(Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEWCHANG, TIENTSIN, HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTZE).
THE Company's Steamship
"MENELAUS."
Captain Nelson, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 6th inst.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.
"FOR YOKOHAMA AND HIOGO."
THE Steamship
"FLINTSHIRE,"
 J. Lancaster, Commander, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the instant.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
ADAMSON, BELL & Co
 Agents.

FOR HIOGO ANT YOKOHAMA.
THE Steamship
"ATALANTA."
Capt. E. G. Pfaff, will be despatched for
above Ports on or about the 7th inst, inst
of as previously notified.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.
Agents.
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1886.

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 With which is incorporated
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 Royal Octavo, pp. 1,132 with plans \$5.00.
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 It contains DESCRIPTIVE and STATISTICAL
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A. S. WATSON & Co.,
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 THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1893.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.
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 addressed "The Editor," and those on business "The
 Manager," and not to individuals by name.

Correspondents are requested to forward their names
 and address with communications addressed to the
 Editor, not for publication, but as evidence of good
 faith.

All letters for publication should be written on one
 side of the paper only.

Advertisements and Subscriptions which are not
 ordered for a fixed period will be continued until
 countermanded.

Orders for extra copies of the Daily Press should be
 sent before 11 a.m. on the day of publication.
 After that hour they are supplied at a special rate.

The Daily Press.
 HONGKONG, MARCH 2ND, 1893.

Wong on the new Central School is again at
 a standstill. When His Excellency the Acting
 Governor distributed the prizes on the
 23rd January last he made the gratifying
 announcement that the long suspended work
 had been resumed that week; and that there
 were then two hundred men engaged on
 it. His Excellency also expressed the hope
 that there would be no further interrup-
 tion. This hope, which was that of
 the entire community, has been doomed
 to early disappointment. The two hun-
 dred men have disappeared, and to all ap-
 pearance the work is in its identical
 position as it was months ago, that is,
 the foundations have been laid, but not a
 single brick or stone seems to have been
 placed upon them. Some explanation of
 this renewed suspension of operations seems
 due to the public after the authoritative
 statement so recently made. His another
 alteration in the plans has decided upon, or
 is the delay due to lack of funds? The sum
 of \$50,000 has been provided for the building
 in this year's Estimates, but, as Mr. Maheu
 mentioned at the recent distribution of prizes,
 he had on a former occasion to order the
 suspension of the work because of the
 financial position of the colony were in rather
 a bad way and the revenue was not coming
 in so fast as usual. It is hardly likely,
 however, that so early in the year any great
 financial strain can have been experienced
 sufficient to suspend the work. We, therefore,
 sought elsewhere, but we are at a loss to
 conceive what it can be. Very good reasons
 indeed would have to be advanced to satisfy
 the public that this renewed delay in the
 progress of the work is justified. During
 last year the total number of boys on the
 school roll was 598, and as many as 499 were
 present at one time. The present building
 is admittedly unhealthy and lacking in the
 conveniences which ought to be found
 in a large educational establishment. On
 these grounds alone the building of the new
 school ought to be proceeded with as rapidly
 as possible, but a further important reason
 is found in the extent to which the work
 of the institution is cramped by want of space.
 When the school was re-opened the other
 day there were about two hundred applica-
 tions for some ninety vacancies. This shows
 the estimation in which the school is held by
 the Chinese, and the figures clearly demon-
 strate that the educational facilities of the
 colony are far from equal to the require-
 ments. Yet in face of the crying necessity
 which exists, the valuable site acquired for
 a new school more than ten years ago is still
 allowed to lie idle and unutilized.

M. PAUL BEAR is coming out to Tsingtau
 with instructions, so it is stated, to send
 back to France all the troops now in the
 country but ten thousand men, a very small
 number to maintain in a newly acquired ter-
 ritory which is for the most part in a state
 of anarchy and revolt. The policy which
 now seems to find favour is to govern by
 means of native officials and to employ native
 troops for the preservation of order. How
 far this will succeed remains to be seen; it
 has been adopted, avowedly, as a compromise
 between evacuation and effective occupa-
 tion. A recent telegram in the *Avenir de*
Tientsin states that *Ministres Residents* have
 been appointed both to Hui and Hanoi.
 These officers will of course be subordinate
 to M. Paul Bear, who has been entrusted with
 the supreme control, and their functions will
 probably be analogous to those exercised by
 the English Residents in the protected
 Malay States. If these assumptions be cor-
 rect, it would seem that Tsingtau is not to
 be formally annexed by France, but is to
 remain nominally part of the dominions of the
 King of Annam. M. Bear appears to entertain
 perfect confidence in his ability to re-es-
 tablish order and effect a permanent settle-
 ment on these lines, but he will probably
 find the difficulties of the situation much
 greater than he imagines. Annam and
 direct government are the only rational way
 of dealing with Tsingtau now. An effective
 protectorate might have been established be-
 fore the war, when there was a native ad-
 ministration in existence through which the
 government might have been carried on,
 but the state of affairs is now vastly differ-
 ent. However, the French public seems to
 have arrived at the conclusion that Tsingtau
 is not worth the expenditure of more blood
 and treasure, and the work which M.
 FREY undertook with such a light heart
 has been abandoned in the middle. All
 that remains to be done is to make the
 best of the situation. In an interview with
 a reporter, M. Bear said: "These two

words 'compromise' and 'administration' sum up the character of the mission confided to me. With the organization which I represent everything will have to be done and my business will be to establish a civil and peaceful administration in the country, to preserve Tsingtau from the influx of the cloud of functionaries who are gnawing up the vitals of Cochinchina, to replace the Annamite nobles by French but by Tsingtau mandarins, who must be devoted to us, as their interests will be identical with our own, since we shall do away with the Annamite mandarins, who are their worst rivals. Next, I shall see about developing French commerce." We shall be surprised if M. Bear proves much more successful than his predecessors, for half measures are mostly his quicksands, and seldom admit of any satisfactory settlement. As to the commercial the new Administration is going "to see about developing," he will find that although there is undoubtedly room for develop-ment the possibilities are not very great. Tsingtau, which was supposed to be very rich in minerals, has been found to be very poor. According to Mr. J. G. Scott, any wealth the country possesses is in its timber, and in the resins and gums which may be obtained from the hill forests. To these sources of wealth that of the rice harvests ought also to be added, but all told they do not amount to anything very great. The *Avenir de Tientsin* in a recent number prophesies that Hanoi and Haiphong will in course of time occupy the same position in relation to the Red River as Canton and Hongkong do to the Canton River, but this is merely the dream of an enthusiast, for the possibilities of the Red River have no comparison to those of the Canton River, especially now that the prospective Yunnan trade is to be tapped by way of Haikow.

The Portuguese transport *Africa*, Captain da Costa, arrived here yesterday afternoon from Macao.

The appointment of Mr. J. J. Francis as one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the colony of Hongkong is gazetted locally.

The Messageries Maritimes steamer *Asia*, with the last of the French mail, left Singapore at 4 p.m. on Saturday for this port and Launceston.

The Agents (Messrs. Butterfield & Swire) inform us that the Ocean Steamship Company's steamer *Mermaid*, from Liverpool, left Singapore for this port on the 25th February.

The following are the "orders of the day" at the meeting of the Legislative Council to be held to-morrow afternoon:

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On Sunday the British steamer *Odette* was discharged from the Commercial dock and the British steamer *Pine* for Hongkong. The British steamer *Odette* was discharged from the Commercial dock and the British steamer *Pine* for Hongkong.

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THE AMERICAN CORVETTE OMAHA.

The American corvette *Omaha*, Captain Seligman, left Yokohama on the 10th ultimo for Shanghai.

We note by the *Japan Gazette* of the 12th, that the English merchant ship *Omaha*, Captain Seligman, had been presented by the Japanese Government with a medal and certificate for his humanity in rescuing some of the Chinese month of the fourteenth year of the K'ia Chuan (1881). The following is a translation of the certificate: "Under and by virtue of an Imperial Decree dated seventh day of the fourth month of the fourteenth year of the K'ia Chuan (1881), the medal of the Red Ribbon (K'ia Chuan) has been granted to Captain Seligman of the ship *Omaha*, as a reward for his humanity in rescuing some of the Chinese month of the fourteenth year of the K'ia Chuan (1881). 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